



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re application of

Docket No: Q78288

Heinz FOCKE, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/700,059

Group Art Unit: 2855

Confirmation No.: 3090

Examiner: Lilybett MARTIR

Filed: November 4, 2003

For: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR CHECKING ROD-LIKE ARTICLES, IN
PARTICULAR CIGARETTES

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of November 17, 2004 to March 17, 2005.

A check for the statutory fee of \$120.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to

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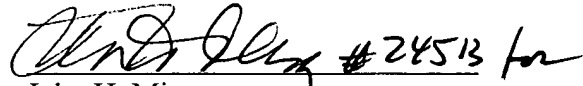
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